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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Oscar L. AVANT et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3653
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Application No.: 09/652,707	)	Examiner: D. Schlak
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended through October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as set forth in the following pages.

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets. The amendments are discussed in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 70.

**Attachments** to this amendment include **replacement drawing sheets**.